

# 7<sup>th</sup> Naval Construction Brigade

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Information*



*“Construimus, Batuimus”  
“We Build, We Fight”*



ON BOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Authority</u>
1 Oct'44	2	5	MoR
1 Nov'44	8	16	MoR
1 Dec'44	7	20	MoR
1 Jan'45	8	23	MoR
1 Feb'45	8	54	MoR
1 Mar'45	11	55	MoR
1 Apr'45		55	BNP625
1 May'45	10	56	BNP625 & R
1 Jun'45		53	BNP625
1 Jul'45	11	44	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	10	42	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		33	BNP625
1 Oct'45	7	30	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	6	28	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	4	20	BNP625 & R
1 Jan'46	7	21	R & BNP 625
1 Feb 46	5	17	BNP 625 & R
1 Mar 46	5	15	BNP 625 & R
1 Sep 46	7	6	BNP 625 & R

7th Construction Brigade *(Inactivated)*

Location - ~~Pearl Harbor~~, Samar

7th Brg.

8-8-44 - CNO ltr (conf) Op30-20K14-UOT over (SC)P16-5/MD14 over Ser. 01186730 to the Distribution List dtd 1 Aug'44 authorizes the establishment of the 7th and 8th Brigades, and 31st through 37th Regs. The organization proposed by CNO is as follow

Navy Yard Area Westward to and including Manana Storage Area and Pearl City Peninsula.

8th Reg.

62nd CB  
94th CB  
117th CB

32nd Regiment (New)

8th CB  
9th CB  
90th CB

33rd Reg. (New)

13th CB  
50th CB  
101st CB

Effective when directed by CinCPOA

- 10-31-44 - The 7th Brg. consists of the 8th Reg. 32nd and 33rd Regs. (2nd Brg. conf. letter 2NCEB-06-HCB/kb over P16-4/00/MM over 9339 to CinC 8th Reg. dtd 14 Sep'44).
- 10-31-44 - The 8th Reg. assigned to the 9th Brigade. (CNO conf. disp. 231903 NCR 1323 to CinC dtd 24 Oct'44).
- 11-15-44 - The 7th Brg. assigned under the command of HANCB to consist of the 8th, 32nd and 33rd Regs. (Note: This is not in line with entry above). (Comserforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW/apk over Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).
- 11-27-44 - The 10th CB is sep up as the 10th CB(HdQtrs) to function as a joint service unit for the 2nd, 7th and 8th Brigades. It is requested that the overall Central Pacific construction organization consisting presently of the 2nd, 7th and 8th Brigades be designated as Hawaiian Area Naval Construction Brigades. (2nd Brg. conf ltr 2NCEB-03 JAM/lp over A3 over Ser. 2847 to CNO dtd 14 Nov'44).

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- 12-13-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 7th Brig. - Includes the 8th, 32nd, and 33rd Regiments. Report endorsed by H.A.B.
- 1-16-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 7th Brigade - Includes the 8th, 32nd, and 33rd Regiments. The group of men with CUB 12 Beach Garrison Party are to be returned in the near future. All detachments on outlying Islands are being returned to their batts.
- 1-29-45 - Cincpac request that the following West Coast CB's scheduled for Sowsespac be assigned to the 7th Brg - 11th, 35th, 68th and 80th CB's. The 7th Brg. being lifted from Pearl H. presently comprised of only 5 CB regulars. (Cincpac Sec. disp to CNO 250121 dtd 25 Jan'45).
- 2-7-45 - The 80th, 68th, 11th and 35th CB's will be assigned to the 7th Brigade. (CNO conf disp to Comservpac, Cincpac and Com7flt 291535 dtd 29 Jan'45).
- 2-8-45 - 7th Brigade, when directed by proper authority, to proceed to a verbally designated location in the Pacific area. Upon arrival to report to Comserfor7flt for such duty as may be assigned. (HAB Sec ltr Ser 03244 dtd 25 Jan'45 to OinC 7th Brg.)
- 2-13-45 -- The 7th Brigade is available from Cincpac for assignment to Com7flt at Samar. (CNO Sec. ltr Ser. 0038230 to distribution list dtd 3 Feb'45).
- 2-26-45- 1 Feb'45 report of the 7th Brg. - All units of this Brigade to secure all work as of 1 Feb'45 in order to prepare for impending move to a new area.
- 3-17-45 -- HAB Sec. ltr Ser. 03634 to OinC 10th CB dtd 9 Mar'45 - When directed by proper authority to proceed on ships to a point in the Pacific Area. Upon arrival to report to the Senior Brigade Commander of the 2nd and 7th Brigades for such duty as may be assigned.

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- 3-19-45 - By Comservpac Sec Disp 020305 Feb'45 to Comserfor7flt Comservpac retains administrative control over the 2nd and 7th Brigades while these units are under the operational control of commands outside the Cenpac areas. The senior Commander of the 2nd and 7th Brgs. is hereby given authority to issue temp add. duty orders to personnel of these Brgs. when the issuance of such orders does not conflict with other existing instructions. The approval of Cincpac by endorsement to this letter is requested. (Comserpac conf ltr Ser 01033 dtd 5 Mar'45 to Senior Brig. Comdr. 2nd and 7th Brgs.)
- 4-7-45 - 33rd Regiment reported to the 7th Brigade 26 Mar'45. (2nd endorsement on 7th Brig. letter dated 26 Mar'45)
- 4-13-45 - 75th CB ordered to further report to OinC 3rd Brg for adm control and to OinC 7th Brg for operational control. (Comdr Const Forces 2nd end on CNOB Leyte orders Pl6-3(1) Ser 994 dtd 11 Mar'45)
- 4-16-45 - 93rd CB reported to Comdr Const Forces on 14 Mar'45. Ordered to further report to 3rd Brg for adm control and to 7th Brg for operational duty. (Comdr Const Forces 2nd end. on CNOB Leyte orders Pl6-3(1), Ser 986 dtd 11 Mar'45)
- 4-16-45 - The 32nd Reg. reported to the 7th Brg. on 27 Mar'45. (7th Brg 2nd end on OinC 7NOCBr orders 7NOCBr, JAK:aa Ser 0013 dtd 25 Jan'45)
- 4-21-45 - Inasmuch as 2nd, 7th, and 8th Brgs no longer operating Hawaiian area, plan to disband HANCB organization effective 1 May. Disp confirmation requested. (CNO conf disp 191451 Apr'45 to Comservpac)
- 4-30-45 - According to Comserfor7flt Sec Report of 1 Apr'45, the 7th Brigade is located at Guiuan, Samar.
- 5-7-45 - Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows the 7th Brg enroute to Samar. (

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- 5-9-45 - Inasmuch as the 2nd, 7th, and 8th Brgs and 10th CB (hdqtrs) no longer operate in Hawaiian area, the HANCB organization is dissolved as of 1 May'45. The 2nd, 7th, and 8th Brgs will continue to operate as such in connection with their assignments at more forward areas. (CNO conf disp 0175930 dtd 4 May to Comservpac)
- 5-19-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 7th Brg. - located at Hawaiian Is. as of 1 Mar'45.
- 5-28-45 - The staff of the 7th Brg, 32nd Reg, 1/2 33rd Reg, 1/4 10th CB, and the 28th (Sp) all arrived 26 Mar'45 in the Samar area. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
- 6-12-45 - The 123rd CB assigned to the 7th Brg for operational duties by the CinC 2nd Brg (31st Reg sec ltr dtd 25 May (4th end to 2nd Brg orders ser 088 dtd 27 Jan to CinC 123rd CB)
- 6-26-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 34th Reg. - Shortly after the Regiment's arrival at Samar, it was reassigned to the 7th Brg for oper and adm purposes.
- 6-27-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 7th Reg - located at Samar. The 19th, 32nd & 34th Regs are attached to the 7th Brig.
- 7-27-45 - The 7th Brg hdqtrs located at Guiuan, Samar. The 19th, 32nd, and 34th Regiments attached. (CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep of June) Following units attached to the 7th Brg but no Reg: 5th (Sp), 19th (Sp), 28th (Sp), 30th (Sp) Sec 2, 32nd (Sp), 33rd (Sp) 10th CB.
- 7-30-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 7th Brig - located in Samar. The 7th Brig supervises and coordinates the work program of the 19th, 32nd and 34th Regs, the 42nd, 61st, 83rd 88th, 93rd, 99th, 100th, 104th, 105th and 123rd CBs and CBMU 544 for administrative and operational control. 1/2 of the 5th(Sp), 19th(Sp), 30th(Sp) and the 28th(Sp) CB and CBMU 598 and 622 are attached to the 7th Brig for administrative purposes only
- 8-11-45 - ~~The 7th Brg assigned to Olympic Operation. (Com7flt conf report on CB Organization in Leyte-Samar area ser 04386 dtd 26 July to CNO)~~

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- 8-31-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 7th Brig. Located at Samar. 7th Brig. supervises and coordinates the work program of the 19th, 32nd & 34th Regs., the 88th, 104th, 105th, 42nd, 99, 100th, 61st, 83rd, 93rd, 123rd <sup>CBs</sup> & CBMU 544. The 50th Reg. is also attached, it is designated the Cargo Regiment.
- 10-9-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 7th Brig. Located at Samar.
- 11-1-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 7th Brig. - located at Samar. Effective 27 Sept'45 the 34th & 50th Regs. only are under the control of 7th Brig.
- 12-28-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 7th Brig. - location not stated. The 34th & 50th Regs. are contained in the 7th Brig.
- 1-31-46 - 1 Dec'45 report of 7th Brig. - location not stated. 7th Brig. absorbed the functions of the 2nd Brig, which was disestablished, & the CinCC, Navy 3149 which was disestablished. Regs. remaining in an active status during the month were the 34th Reg. & the 50th Reg.
- 2-20-46 - 1 Jan 46 report of 7th brig - located at Manila. 7th Brig. absorbed the functions of Commander Construction Troops, PhilSeaFron, which command was inactivated on 7 December 1945.
- 3-1-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of 7th Brig. - location not stated.
- 3-26-46 - 1 Mar 46 report of 7th Brig. - location not stated. Report via ComPhilSeaFron.
- 4-19-46 - 1 Apr 46 report of 7th Brig. - location not stated. Report via ComPhilSeaFron. Brigade composed of 34th Reg., 35th CB, 54th CB, & CBMU 546.
- 5-13-46 - 1 May 46 report of 7th Brig. - location not stated. Report via ComPhilSeaFron. Brigade composed of 34th Reg., 35th, 54th CB's & CBMU 546. Inactivation of 93rd CB, attached to 34th Reg, practically complete. 54th CB scheduled for inactivation 10 May & CBMU 546 on 20 May. Orders being prepared for inactivation of 34th Reg. the 20th of May, at which time 143rd and 61st CB's will fall under cognizance of 7th Brig. (Over)



10-7-46

In accordance with ComNavPhil ltr. Ser. 8841 dtd 18 Sept. 1946, the 7th Construction Brigade was inactivated.

See ltr. from 7th NCB/A4-2(1) over HJH;fyh, Ser. 4090 dtd 20 Sep 46, filed in 7th Const. Br. folder.

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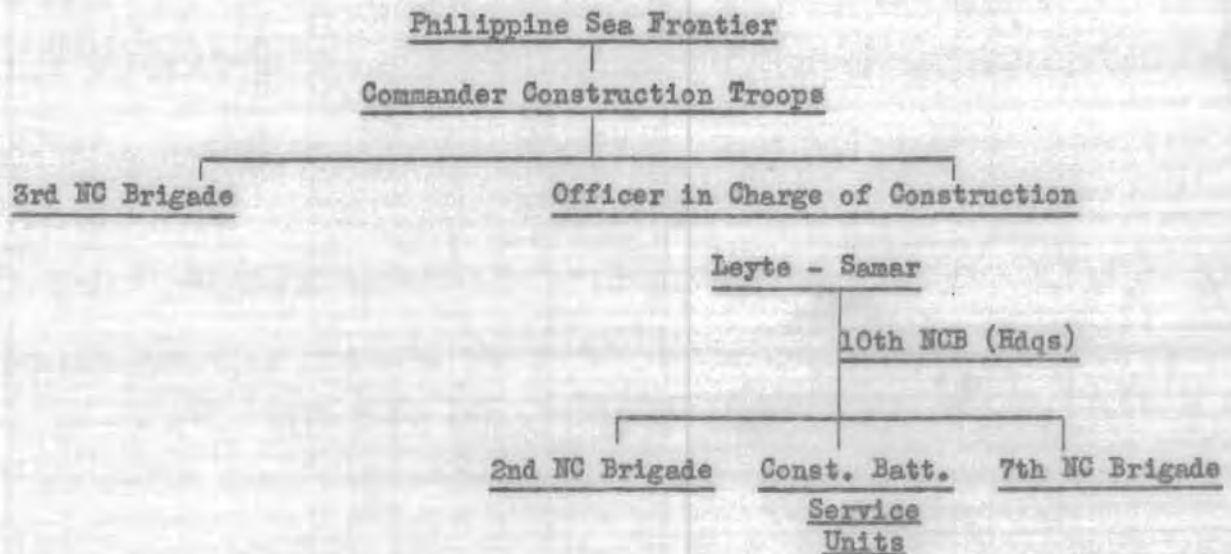
1 January 1946

### THE HISTORY OF THE SEVENTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

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1. The history of the 7th Naval Construction Brigade from its time of entry into the Leyte-Samar Area until 14 August 1945 is covered by enclosure (E). Therefore this letter will cover the period from 14 August 1945 to the present date. Due to the fact the Seventh Naval Construction Brigade is now the senior Seabee organization in the Philippines, not only the history of the 7th Naval Construction Brigade, but also the history of the organizational change of the Seabees in the Philippines will be covered.

2. At the time of the reorganization of 28 May 1945 at Leyte-Samar, the organization of the Seabees in the Philippines was as follows:



3. The 2nd Naval Construction Brigade was composed of the 12th, 31st, and 33rd Naval Construction Regiments. The 7th Naval Construction Brigade was composed of the 19th, 32nd, 34th, and 50th Naval Construction Regiments, as shown in enclosure (E). The reorganization of 28 May 1945 lasted until the latter part of September when it was decided that the 33rd Naval Construction Regiment would move to China. Battalions from both the 2nd and 7th Naval Construction Brigades were

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assigned to the 33rd Naval Construction Regiment and all were alerted for forward movement. Before this took place two of the battalions, the 5th and 64th Naval Construction Battalions were so depleted by loss of personnel on discharges that they were removed and later inactivated. Word was received that one battalion from the Philippines was needed for movement to Truk, and the 29th Naval Construction Battalion was detached from the 33rd Naval Construction Regiment and shipped in November. This left the 33rd Naval Construction Regiment with the 30th, 83rd, 96th, 122nd, and 32nd Special Naval Construction Battalions, and it was thus that they departed for China in October. Prior to this, what was left of the 42nd Naval Construction Battalion and one-half of the 33rd Naval Construction Battalion (Special) had been sent to China as an advance echelon, and these two units were later absorbed by the 33rd Naval Construction Regiment. In conjunction with this move the 127th Naval Construction Battalion and the 28th Naval Construction Battalion (Special) moved to Japan.

4. At about this same time the 19th Naval Construction Regiment was transferred from the 2nd to the 7th Naval Construction Brigade. This and the transfer of the 33rd Naval Construction Regiment left the 32nd, 34th, and 50th Naval Construction Regiments under the 7th Naval Construction Brigade and the 12th, 19th, and 31st Naval Construction Regiments under the 2nd Naval Construction Brigade.

5. With the inactivation of CBMU 512 in September and the China and Japan moves, the 12th Naval Construction Regiment was left with only one fully operating battalion, the 129th, and with the 64th Naval Construction Battalion which was in the process of inactivation. Therefore the 12th Naval Construction Regiment was inactivated 18 October 1945, and its units transferred to other regiments. Other units inactivated in October were the 123rd Battalion, CBMU 553, and CBMs 1022, 1063, and 1024 Special.

6. The 31st Naval Construction Regiment, having lost two of its battalions in the October China-Japan move, and the 19th Naval Construction Regiment, due to lose two of its battalions in November inactivations, were practically without subordinate units. Therefore it was decided to inactivate the entire 2nd Naval Construction Brigade including both the 19th, and 31st Naval Construction Regiments. The exact dates of these inactivations were the 2nd Naval Construction Brigade on 19 November 1945, and the 19th and 31st Naval Construction Regiments on 20 November 1945. Other units inactivated in November were the 88th, 99th, 105th, 111th, and 142nd Naval Construction Battalions, CBMU 544, CBM 1066, PAD #4 and the 5th and 30th Naval Construction Battalions (Special).

7. Since there was now only one Brigade in the Leyte-Samar Area there was no need for the separate next higher authority, Officer in Charge of Construction, Leyte Gulf Area. Therefore Officer in Charge

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of Construction was disestablished, and the 7th Naval Construction Brigade took over those duties and became the senior Seabee representative in the Leyte Gulf Area.

8. In early December more inactivations took place and it was decided that a new organization would be effective as of 7 December 1945. The inactivations that took place between the first and sixth of December were the 32nd Naval Construction Regiment on 2 December 1945, and the 5th, and 104th Naval Construction Battalions, CBMU 598 and CBD 1067. On 7 December 1945, at the time of the reorganization the 3rd Naval Construction Brigade and 24th Naval Construction Regiment were inactivated. Later in the month on 27 December 1945, the 50th Naval Construction Regiment and 19th Special Naval Construction Battalion were inactivated. At the time of this writing some units are still in the process of inactivation. Those units include the 10th, 64th, 75th, 91st, 100th, and 129th Naval Construction Battalions and CBMU 622, CBD 1085, and ACEPD Samar.

9. The reorganization of 7 December 1945 disestablished Commander Construction Troops, Philippine Sea Frontier and made the 7th Naval Construction Brigade the senior Seabee organization in the Philippines. The 7th Naval Construction Brigade moved to Manila and absorbed the duties of Commander Construction Troops, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, 2nd Naval Construction Brigade, and all other Seabee units that have been either inactivated or disestablished. The 34th Naval Construction Regiment was retained at Samar along with the 61st, 93rd, 143rd and 33rd Special Naval Construction Battalions. All Seabees in the Manila-Subic Area were absorbed by one unit, the 35th Naval Construction Battalion, which was split into two sections, Section I at Manila and Section II at Subic Bay. The 54th Naval Construction Battalion was retained at Mactan and CBMU 546 at Palawan. The 35th, 54th, and CBMU 546 all report directly to 7th Naval Construction Brigade. This organization of 7 December 1945 is still in effect at the time of this writing and is shown in chart form in enclosure (D).



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7th Naval Construction Brigade

# ORGANIZATION CHART

28 May 1945

## SEVENTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

### 19th NC REGIMENT

88th NCBatt  
104th NCBatt  
105th NCBatt  
598th CEMU  
622nd CEMU

### 32nd NC REGIMENT

\* 42nd NCBatt  
99th NCBatt  
100th NCBatt  
544th CEMU

### 34th NC REGIMENT

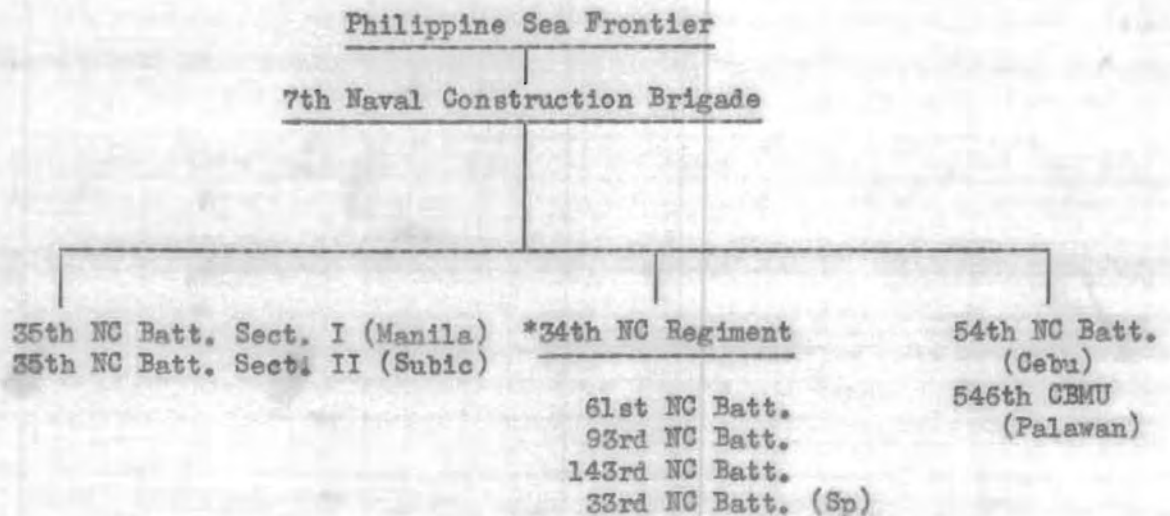
61st NCBatt  
\* 83rd NCBatt  
93rd NCBatt  
123rd NCBatt

### 50th NC REGIMENT

$\frac{1}{2}$  5th NCBatt (Sp)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  19th NCBatt (Sp)  
\*\* 28th NCBatt (Sp)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  30th NCBatt (Sp)  
\* 32nd NCBatt (Sp)  
# 33rd NCBatt (Sp)

- \* Later transferred to China
- \*\* Later transferred to Japan
- #  $\frac{1}{2}$  Battalion later transferred to China

Organization Chart  
Seabees in the Philippines  
7 December 1945



\* Leyte - Samar Area

NOTE: 35th, 54th Naval Construction Battalions and CBMU 546 all report directly to the Seventh Naval Construction Brigade.

ENCLOSURE (D)







**NO  
PHOTOS  
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